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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

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McSwiggen et al.

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Title RNA INTERFERENCE MEDIATED
INHIBITION OF VASCULAR
ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH FACTOR AND
VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH
FACTOR RECEPTOR GENE
EXPRESSION USING SHORT
INTERFERING NUCLEIC ACID (siNA)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on June 21, 2006, Applicant hereby submits the following response. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendments and consider the remarks submitted herewith. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Specification are on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the pending claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 11 of this paper.